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APPLICANT:	Pierre Carabin) Docket:	CU-4454
SERIAL NO:	10/552,119)	Group Art Unit: 3749
FILED:	October 27, 2006)	Examiner: Mashruwala, Nikhil P
TITLE:	TWO-STAGE PLASMA PROCESS FOR CONVERTING WASTE INTO FUEL GAS AND APPARATUS THEREFOR		

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 5, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on October 5, 2008. Also submitted with this response is a Request for 3-month Extension with the required fee, to extend the period of reply to January 5, 2009.

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner made a restriction requirement, under 35 U.S.C. §121, between 2 groups of claims. In order to submit a complete response to the present Office Action, Applicant elects the Group I claims, (Claims 1-19). However, Applicant respectfully disagrees with and traverses this restriction requirement.

The present application is a national phase entry of PCT application No. PCT/CA2004/000514, in which an International Search Report (ISR) and an International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP) were issued. No lack of unity of invention was raised by the International Searching Authority, namely the European Patent Office, in the international phase.

Additionally, an aspect of invention I of Group I is directed to a two-stage plasma process for converting waste having organic and inorganic components into fuel gas. An